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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/624,005
Inventor(s) : Kouichi Miyamoto et al.
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Art Unit : 3677
Examiner : James R. Brittain
Docket No. : AA-599
Confirmation No. : 5631
Customer No. : 27752
Title : Fastening Member Comprising Shaped Tab

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 02/23/2006

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of February 23, 2006, the time for submitting a response being extended by payment of the fee herewith, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

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